

Articles

14 Of woorkes of supererogation.

Voluntarie woorkes besides, ouer and aboue Gods commaundementes, which they call woorkes of supererogation, can not bee taught without arrogancie and impietie. For by them men do declare that they do not onely render vnto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake then of bounden duetie is required: whereas Christe saith plainely, when ye haue done al that are commaunded to you, say, we be vnprofitable seruantes.

15 Of Christ alone without sinne.

Christ in þe trueth of our nature, was made like vnto vs in all thinges (sinne onely except) from which he was clearely boyde, both in his flesh and in his spirite. He came to be the lambe without spot, who by sacrifice of him selfe once made, shoulde take away the sinnes of the worlde: and sinne (as S. John sayth) was not in him. But al we the rest, (although baptized, and bozne againe in Christ) yet offende in many thinges, and if we say we haue no sinne, we deceyue our selues, & the trueth is not in vs.

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of religion.

16 Of sinne after Baptisme.

Not euery deadly sinne willingly comitted after baptisme, is sinne against the holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore, the graunt of repentance is not to be denyed to such as fall into sinne after baptisme. After we haue receyued the holy Ghost, we may depart from grace giuen, and fall into sinne, and by the grace of God (we may) arise againe and amend our liues. And therefore, they are to be condemned, which say they can no more sinne as long as they liue here, or denie the place of forgiveness to such as truely repent.

17 Of predestination and election.

Predestination to life, is the euerlasting purpose of God, whereby (before þe foundations of the world were layd) he hath constantly decreed by his counsell secrete to vs, to deliuer from curse & damnation, those whom he hath chosen in Christe out of mankinde, and to bring them by Christ to euerlasting saluation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore they which be indued wth so excellent a benefite of God, be called according to Gods purpose by his spirite working in due season: they through grace obey the calling: they be iustified freely: they be made sonnes of God by adoption: they be made like

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